FAQ - RELATED TRANSPORTATION FACILITY

To be eligible for consideration, each EEMP project must be directly or indirectly related to the environmental impact of the modification of an existing transportation facility or construction of a new transportation facility, implemented after January 1, 1990, or the related transportation facility may be a project that is not yet under construction but is included in an adopted State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), or in a locally adopted regional transportation improvement program and certified capital outlay program.

"Indirectly," as opposed to "directly," may be used in reference to the geographic location of an EEMP project, that is, the project may not be in the immediate vicinity of the transportation project but in the general area, or it may be used to characterize the type of benefits produced. It is the responsibility of the applicant to explain the cause and effect relationship between the impact of the transportation project and the proposed EEMP project.

A transportation facility, as defined in the California Constitutional Provisions Article XIX, Section 1, and for the purposes of this program, is a public street, highway, mass transit guideway or their appurtenant features (e.g., park-and-ride facilities, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, transit stations, etc.).

If the EEMP project is on State-owned right of way, applicable State design and construction standards and practices shall be used. If the EEMP project is off State-owned right of way, applicable design and construction standards and practices of the local government having jurisdiction over the project location shall apply.

All necessary encroachment permits to access right of way must be obtained before construction may begin on a project. If a transportation facility is constructed in separate and distinct phases, each phase may be considered a separate project for purposes of this definition, provided that each phase provides an operable transportation improvement.

For more information see Page 4 in the Guidelines and FAQ 2-5.